

New U.S. Application  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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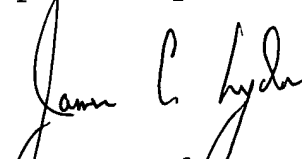
This Preliminary Amendment rewrites claims 1-15, adds new claim 16 and presents a new abstract. New claim 16 is taken from claim 15. The changes to the claims eliminate multiple dependencies, replace "characterized in that" with --wherein--, and conform the claims more closely to U.S. practice. The new abstract is based on the PCT abstract. Claims 1-16 are pending.

An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.

It is not believed any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

Prompt and favorable examination of this application is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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